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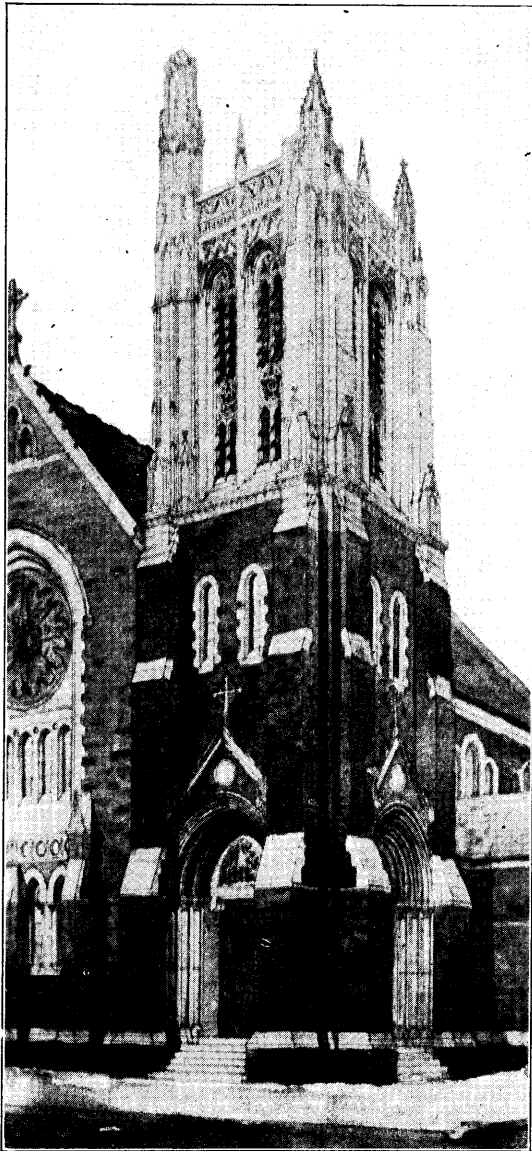
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Proposed Tower For Christ Church



This tower was proposed as a special project for Christ Church during the Centennial of Christ Church in 1929. About six thousand dollars were raised toward its construction. The tower fund now amounts to eighty-four hundred dollars.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

11:00 A. M.

Litany, Ante-Communion and Sermon

Prelude—Aria from Suite
in D Bach
Processional hymn—No. 494
Litany hymn—No. 130
(1 stanza)
The Litany—(Page 54 of the
Prayer Book)
Introit hymn—No. 326
Communion Service—(Page 67
of the Prayer Book)
Collect, Epistle and Gospel
Sermon hymn—No. 492
Sermon—The Christian and the
CommunityThe Rector
Offertory—O Divine Re-
deemer Gounod
Closing prayer and benediction
Recessional hymn—No. 493
Postlude—Alleluya Faulkes

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Here is an interesting set of questions from the Episcopal Church Evangelist. Do you know all the answers? See elsewhere in the Bulletin.

1. Is Confirmation necessary for Church Membership?
2. Can we children be expected to be Christians, if our parents aren't?
3. Is faith in God mere "wishful thinking," an escape from life's problems?
4. Why bother about ceremonial in the conduct of services? Isn't the service the important thing, and the way it is done of minor consequence?
5. What was the origin of Peter's Pence, paid in England before the Reformation?

PARISH NOTES

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER—

Transferred to Christ Church: Miss Virginia Morris, General Hospital; Mr. P. T. Prentisse, U. S. Engineer's Office; Mrs. J. T. Woodruff, Noelton Lane.

The Settlement Guild will meet for sewing and the business meeting on Tuesday. This will take the place of two meetings as has been the custom.

Please note the change in day from Wednesday to Tuesday, for the meeting of the Bishop Quintard Chapter. All members are expected to be present.

USHERS—Granville Bourne, Seawell Brandau, John Bransford, George Cabell, J. H. Morcombe, Dr. N. S. Shofner.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE LEAGUE TO ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

The members of the Young People's Service League will attend the District meeting of the Service League in the Nashville area to be held next Sunday at six-thirty p. m. at St. Ann's Church, 410 Woodland Street. There will be a program on Camp Gailor-Maxon. The dates of the Camp are June 18-28. All members of the League should be present.

George McCloud, chairman of the committee on the decoration of the recreation room for the Service League, announced that progress had been made and further work would be done this week.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly Corporate Communion and breakfast next Sunday morning, according to announcement made by Mr. Charles S. Martin, Sr., Director of the Brotherhood and teacher of the class.

THE SCOTCHMAN'S "GOOD WILL"

Dr. Guthrie tells about an old Scotch parishioner who went to his lawyer to make out his will. The lawyer, after writing down several legacies of \$2,500 to one person, \$5,000 to another and so on, at last said: "But Mr.——, I don't believe you have all that money to leave." "Oh," was the reply, "I know that as well as you; but I just want to show my good will."—Sunday School Times.

ALTAR FLOWERS—The flowers are placed on the Altar today in loving memory of Mrs. Charles Barham and Miss Helen Barham, by members of the family.

"HE HAS TO GO TO THE OFFICE"

Perhaps the strongest competitor of the Church and the one which most threatens her life is "the office." Almost every day this chief enemy of the Church and of Christianity snarls menacingly at the House of God. The Rector is conversing with a lady. "Why doesn't Mr. Jones ever attend Church?" he asks. "I haven't seen him here in months." "Oh, my husband," answers Mrs. Jones; "he has to go to the office on Sunday mornings, so he rarely ever gets to Church. I don't come so much myself. I don't enjoy coming without him." The Rector becomes sympathetic. He sympathizes with Mr. Jones in his great deprivations. It is tragic that he is never allowed to give expression to his sense of worship, never allowed to get away from the routine of the office to meet with his brethren for the praise of God. How sad, how unhappy Mr. Jones must be. And then the Rector becomes angry. He is angry at the unjust system which compels Mr. Jones to stay away from his Church. He rails against the heartless economic order. He condemns the cold, unfeeling group of employers who require Mr. Jones to be in the office every Sunday morning from 11:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. He expresses his indignation to Mrs. Jones. He hopes that she will express his sympathy and indignation to Mr. Jones. But somehow Mrs. Jones does not follow him in his anger. She begins to correct the Rector in some of his assumptions. Mr. Jones is not really required at the office. His company does not keep its employees working on Sunday. In fact, if Mr. Jones really considered the Church service very important he could arrange to come every Sunday morning. He could so adjust his work that he would not have to appear at the office on Sunday. Thereupon the Rector's sympathy and indignation give way to disillusionment. He had visioned a man earnestly desiring to worship God, going sadly and unwillingly to his office because his company required him to be

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY—

- 7:30 a. m. Holy Communion
- 9:30 a. m. Church School
- 11:00 a. m. Litany, Ante-Communion and Sermon
- 6:00 p. m. District meeting, Young People's Service League—St. Ann's Church

TUESDAY—

- 10:30 a. m. Settlement Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Garner DeVoe, Hillwood Drive
- 10:30 a. m. Bishop Quintard Chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. Hugh F. Smith, Jr., Jackson Blvd.

WEDNESDAY—

- 10:30 a. m. Bishop Hare Chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Blair, Jackson Blvd.
- 10:30 a. m. Bishop Otey Chapter will meet at the James Robertson Hotel.
- 10:30 a. m. Bishop Whipple Chapter will meet in the Parish House
- 2:30 p. m. Bishop Ravenscroft Chapter will meet in the Parish House

THURSDAY—ST. MARK'S DAY

- 10:00 a. m. Holy Communion
- 10:30 a. m. Daughters of the King will meet

FRIDAY—

- 3:30 p. m. Rehearsal of Young People's Choir

SATURDAY—

- 7:30 p. m. Senior Choir rehearsal

there. He sees instead a man who has simply allowed his business to crowd out God. He sees a man so lost in the routine of his office that he cannot think about anything else. And he thinks of these pathetic words of Christ: "What doth it profit a man though he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Answers

1. No. Church Membership comes with Holy Baptism, wherein we are made members of Christ, Children of God, inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven. Confirmation is normally a prerequisite to admission to Communion, but that is not its sole purpose.

It is not absolutely necessary for admission to the Holy Communion, for there were many in Colonial America who could not be confirmed because there were no Bishops here.

Confirmation has the nature of a Sacrament in that the outward and visible sign is the laying on of the Bishop's hands, with prayer, and that the inward and spiritual grace received, are the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Circumstances may require that those "ready and desirous" of being confirmed be admitted to the Holy Communion, but Confirmation is more than simply a rite of such admission.

2. Yes. I admit that it is likely to be harder than if you had the help of your parents, but being a Christian is not something that someone else is for us, but *something we are for ourselves*.

3. *What if it is?* I have yet to see the person who really fulfilled the implications of the wishful thinking you imply who was simply comforted in his own tribulations.

Does wishful thinking account for him who said, "Here I stand, God help me.

I can do no other?" If religion be mere wishful thinking, the way to escape trouble was to accede to the demands made. No, mere wishful thinking does not account for prophets, martyrs, saints and heroes faithful in life and in death. It would appear that belief in God intensifies life's problems, rather than aiding in escaping them!

4. Very true, but there are degrees of fitness. No one can deny the fitness of a priest celebrating the Holy Communion for a dying man on the field of battle wearing mud-bespattered clothes, with a soap box for an altar and a tumbler for a chalice, when no other alternative is possible. The same sort of behavior under normal circumstances would not only be irreverent, but disgraceful. There is a sense of proportion and fitness in such things quite apart from the service itself.

5. England, before the days of Athelstan (924-940), who was the first king of united England, had as many as seven kingdoms. One king, Offa of Mercia, quarrelling with the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the alien kingdom of Kent, arranged for a new Archiepiscopal see in his own Litchfield.

At the Synod of Chelsea, in 787, *the first time papal legates set foot on English soil*, he agreed to a payment of a penny tax on every hearth (Peter's Pence) in return for his Archbishopric. The see was discontinued in 802, but the payment was confirmed, and was paid until the time of the Reformation.